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To: Maternity Case Management
CSO Administrators
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Subject: Correction to Maternity Case Management Billing Instructions

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a page replacement to the Medical Assistance Administration's (MAA) Maternity Case Management Billing Instructions, dated April 2001.

What has changed?

<u>Page</u>	<u>Description</u>
E.11	<p>In #1 under the heading "Childcare," the word postpartum is changed to "postpregnancy" to correspond with language in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 388-533-1000(4).</p> <p>Also under the heading "Childcare," the following has been removed to correspond with language in WAC 388-533-1000(4):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"AND up to one year postpartum if: 5. Client is attending an MAA covered Family Planning Only service procedure."</p>

12. ROLE/RELATIONSHIP

- a. Assess support system;
- b. Assess freedom from violence or threat of violence;
- c. Make provider referrals to community resources for domestic violence and safe housing, if appropriate; and
- d. Make provider referral to MSS Psychosocial Worker, if within 60 days post-pregnancy.

13. CHILDCARE

The maternity case manager screens the client's circumstances to determine the need for childcare. If childcare is identified as a need and that resource is not available to the client, the case manager can authorize an appropriate number of time-limited First Steps Childcare billing forms. The purpose of offering childcare to MAA-eligible pregnant/parenting women is to improve birth outcome and to remove one of the barriers in accessing medical care.

The client may be screened and receive authorization for First Steps Childcare throughout her pregnancy and up to 60 days postpregnancy for the following reasons:

1. Client is attending MAA-covered outpatient pregnancy/postpregnancy services;
2. Client is on provider-ordered bedrest;
3. Client is in labor and delivery; or
4. Client needs to visit a hospitalized newborn;

MAA approval is required for First Steps Childcare bedrest, and visiting a hospitalized newborn. For further details and to obtain the billing form, see the First Steps Childcare Billing Instructions. First Steps Childcare staff can be reached by calling: 1-888-889-7514.

MAA expects all MCM and MSS team members who authorize childcare to read and be familiar with the First Steps Childcare billing instructions. The detailed childcare information is also included in the ABCs of First Steps Manual under the "First Steps Childcare" tab sent to all First Steps agencies.

14. OTHER

Assess the client's need for assistance in obtaining services such as transportation, MAA covered interpreter services, and consumer and/or homemaking skills.

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